

(b) The State Governments has sent a Scheme for provisiond safe drinking water to 1000 SC/ST habitation.

(c) The estimated cost of the scheme is Rs. 3.11 crores.

(d) A sum of Rs. 50 lakhs has been released as first instalment of funds representing 50% of the approved cost to be met as assistance under the centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme.

UPSC and SSC Examination Centres in Kerala

6664. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the locations of Union Public Service Commission and Staff Selection Commission Examination Centres in Kerala Separately;

(b) whether the Government have any proposal to open some more examination centres of U.P.S.C. and S.S.C. in Kerala; and

(c) if so, the locations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONAL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) At present, there are two regular centres in the State of Kerala at Cochin and Trivandrum for the examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission. The Staff Selection Commission has seven examination centres in Kerala at Calicut Cochin, Kottayam, Trivandrum, Cannanore, Trichur and Quilon.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Population Below Poverty in Kerala

6665. SHRI. THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of population living below the poverty line in Kerala as per the last survey;

(b) whether any programme is being chalked out to bring them above the poverty line; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI. H.R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) The percentage of people living below the poverty line in rural and urban areas of Kerala State, as per 1987-88 NSSO Survey, is estimated to be 16.4 and 19.3 respectively.

(b) Four Centrally Sponsored/ Central Sector Schemes and one State Sector scheme for alleviation of poverty in Kerala State are already being implemented.

These are:-

CENTRALLY SPONSORED/CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEMES

- (i) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) which provides self-employment in rural areas.
- (ii) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) which provides wage employment in rural areas.
- (iii) Self-Employment Programme for Urban Poor (SEPU).